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Governor Cuomo Announces New York City Indoor Dining Can Reopen Early on February 12

New York City Restaurants Can Now Open on Lunar New Year Day; Guidance Available [Here](#)

7,716 Patient Hospitalizations Statewide

1,454 Patients in the ICU; 961 Intubated

Statewide Positivity Rate is 4.28%

114 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York City indoor dining can reopen at 25 percent capacity on February 12, Lunar New Year Day. The reopening was previously scheduled for Valentine's Day, but restaurants requested an earlier reopening date to allow staff to prepare and the request has been granted. The reopening is subject to strict state guidance, which can be found [here](#).

"We're in a footrace with COVID, and the footrace is clear--it's rate of vaccination versus rate of infection and we're continuing to make progress on both fronts," **Governor Cuomo said**. "Not only have we administered more than two million doses of the vaccine, but the infection rate continues to decrease and New Yorkers should feel good about that. After all, this was possible because of their actions, their discipline and their sacrifice. As we move forward, we're continuing to respond to the facts and data every day, and when the enemy changes tactics, we change with the enemy. We were planning to open the restaurants in New York City to indoor dining on Valentine's Day, but they've made the point that they'd like to open a couple of days

earlier so they can prepare for Valentine's Day. That's a reasonable request, so we'll start indoor dining on Friday at 25 percent so the restaurants can get ready."

Today's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Test Results Reported** - 197,183
- **Total Positive** - 8,448
- **Percent Positive** - 4.28%
- **7-Day Average Percent Positive** - 4.42%
- **Patient Hospitalization** - 7,716 (+67)
- **Net Change Patient Hospitalization Past Week** - -287
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 729
- **Hospital Counties** - 57
- **Number ICU** - 1,454 (-5)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 961 (-18)
- **Total Discharges** - 133,470 (+565)
- **Deaths** - 114
- **Total Deaths** - 36,339

The regional hospital bed capacity and occupancy numbers, including the number of hospitalizations as a percent of the region's population, is as follows:

Region	COVID Patients Currently in Hospital in Region	COVID Patients as Percent of Region Population	Percent of Hospital Beds Available Within 7 Days Under Surge Plan
Capital Region	326	0.03%	27%
Central New York	176	0.02%	31%

Finger Lakes	409	0.03%	38%
Long Island	1,339	0.05%	31%
Mid-Hudson	870	0.04%	43%
Mohawk Valley	184	0.04%	31%
New York City	3,756	0.04%	31%
North Country	95	0.02%	52%
Southern Tier	205	0.03%	44%
Western New York	356	0.03%	35%
Statewide	7,716	0.04%	34%

The regional ICU bed capacity and occupancy numbers are as follows:

Region	Total ICU Beds in Region	Total Occupied ICU Beds in Region	Percent of ICU Beds Available in Region (7-day Avg)
Capital Region	237	200	16%
Central New York	262	187	28%
Finger Lakes	397	265	30%
Long Island	868	683	21%
Mid-Hudson	684	427	40%
Mohawk Valley	127	91	25%
New York City	2,599	2,058	20%

North Country	56	33	41%
Southern Tier	126	79	37%
Western New York	544	340	38%
Statewide	5,900	4,363	26%

Each region's 7-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Capital Region	3.78%	3.51%	3.41%
Central New York	2.68%	2.23%	2.04%
Finger Lakes	3.22%	3.01%	2.99%
Long Island	5.57%	5.51%	5.47%

Mid-Hudson	5.31%	5.33%	5.30%
Mohawk Valley	3.33%	3.07%	2.96%
New York City	5.09%	5.13%	5.10%
North Country	5.02%	5.02%	4.95%
Southern Tier	1.53%	1.45%	1.33%
Western New York	4.53%	4.28%	4.26%
Statewide	4.58%	4.50%	4.42%

Each New York City borough's 7-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

BOROUGH	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Bronx	7.07%	7.26%	7.03%
Brooklyn	5.70%	5.72%	5.42%
Manhattan	3.81%	3.80%	3.48%

Queens	5.54%	5.68%	5.61%
Staten Island	5.27%	5.42%	5.22%

Of the 1,479,220 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	19,507	69
Allegany	2,690	7
Broome	13,349	44
Cattaraugus	4,004	19
Cayuga	5,045	13
Chautauqua	6,846	27
Chemung	6,194	31

Chenango	2,249	12
Clinton	2,970	42
Columbia	3,135	13
Cortland	2,935	12
Delaware	1,285	8
Dutchess	20,122	126
Erie	59,867	259
Essex	1,183	5
Franklin	1,706	17
Fulton	2,809	10
Genesee	4,127	7

Greene	2,464	7
Hamilton	251	0
Herkimer	4,365	18
Jefferson	4,256	30
Lewis	1,860	12
Livingston	3,203	7
Madison	3,613	12
Monroe	49,596	230
Montgomery	2,852	14
Nassau	134,891	664
Niagara	14,364	68
NYC	632,347	4,547

Oneida	18,873	39
Onondaga	30,872	77
Ontario	5,383	28
Orange	33,599	174
Orleans	2,318	9
Oswego	5,650	9
Otsego	2,098	6
Putnam	7,625	33
Rensselaer	8,341	40
Rockland	35,769	141
Saratoga	11,067	50

Schenectady	10,203	37
Schoharie	1,074	3
Schuyler	830	2
Seneca	1,445	3
St. Lawrence	4,712	30
Steuben	5,259	29
Suffolk	149,714	696
Sullivan	4,389	14
Tioga	2,599	15
Tompkins	3,226	25
Ulster	9,170	49
Warren	2,606	10

Washington	2,055	28
Wayne	4,223	16
Westchester	98,445	537
Wyoming	2,599	16
Yates	991	2

Yesterday, 114 New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 36,339. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

Deaths by County of Residence	
County	New Deaths
Albany	3
Bronx	9
Broome	1

Chautauqua	2
Chemung	1
Chenango	2
Dutchess	1
Erie	3
Fulton	1
Herkimer	3
Kings	19
Lewis	1
Manhattan	10
Monroe	6
Montgomery	1

Nassau	12
Oneida	2
Onondaga	1
Orange	1
Queens	11
Richmond	4
Rockland	4
Schenectady	1
Schuyler	1
Suffolk	6
Ulster	1

Warren	2
Westchester	5

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